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Remarks

Claims 1-42 remain in the application.

The restriction requirement indicates that the present invention contains claims that are drawn to inventions that are distinct because they are related as process of making (Group II, claims 19-31) and product made (Group I, claims 1-18 and 33-42). Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-18 and 33-42) without traverse.

The application is further restricted because it is alleged that it contains claims directed to seven species as follows:

- (1) First embodiment represented by FIGS. 1-2 and 5;
- (2) Second embodiment represented by FIG. 3;
- (3) Third embodiment represented by FIG. 4;
- (4) Fourth embodiment represented by FIG. 6;
- (5) Fifth embodiment represented by FIGS. 7 and 8;
- (6) Sixth embodiment represented by FIGS. 9 and 10; and
- (7) Seventh embodiment represented by FIGS. 9 and 11.

The restriction requirement also states that applicants' response must identify an elected Species and list all claims readable thereon. Applicants respectfully submit that FIGS. 1 through 11 are related to alternate embodiments that are consistent with all of elected claims 1-18 and 33-42, and that independent claims 1 and 33 read on, for example, FIGS. 1 through 11. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the species restriction because there is not a valid ground for it.

As requested by the restriction requirement, applicants hereby provisionally elect Species 1 (FIGS. 1-2 and 5). A listing of claims readable on Species 1 includes claims 1-6, 8-9, 11, 13, 17-18, 33, 35-37, and 42.

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The election of the Group I claims (claims 1-18 and 33-42) and the provisional election of Species 1 (FIGS. 1-2 and 5) is hereby made. Applicants submit however, that the species related restriction requirement is traversed and reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for the species restriction is respectfully requested.

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